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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan announced the filing of an indictment¹ charging Ricardo Estrada, Angel Gonzalez, Angela Estrada, Bakaie Tatonga, Thomas Teweia, and Taanioto Barao with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute, and possessing with intent to distribute, heroin.

Each of the defendants is facing a maximum of life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum of 10 years imprisonment, at least five years of supervised release up to a lifetime of supervised release, a fine of up to \$8 million and a special assessment of \$200.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Ricardo Estrada	New York, New York	40
Angel Gonzalez	New York, New York	45
Angela Estrada	New York, New York	44
Bakaie Tatonga	Republic of Kiribati	26
Thomas Teweia	Republic of Kiribati	36
Taanioto Barao	Republic of Kiribati	47

The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Karen L. Grigsby.

¹ An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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